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Dear Brothers,

Fraternal Greetings to you all!

Some time back we had the news about the death of the famed star singer ‘Whitney Houston’ – known for her angelic voice, which endeared her to millions across the world with 170 million albums! She was the most feted performer of all time. All the tributes were centered around her ‘extraordinary voice’, which they say shall never die! Going through these reports, I was wondering about the ‘voice of a Brother’ in troubled times such as ours. We are the ‘mouth pieces and the voice’ of the One who has called us and sent forth. Do people care for our ‘voice’ as a Province, as Institutions and as Individuals? How about the sale of our mission albums? If there are no takers and buyers of it, we need to check on the quality of our ‘voice’ as educators and guardians of those marginalized and rejected by the world. One admirer of ‘DIVA’ was heard saying ‘Whitney was the reason many of us do what we do’. Well, that is exactly what Jesus meant when He called us saying “Follow me”. The reason for us to do what we do as Montfortians, must be ‘Christ’. And our voices must resonate with His voice – sweeter and louder than the sweetest songs heard from the star singers and from the celebrated Albums.

Recently we had the sad demise of three of our Beloved Brothers... Those who attended these funerals would have definitely envied the fondness with which these heroes were eulogized and immortalized by the mourners. Well, these are God - given opportunities for us to have a 'personal mock funeral' and check on the effectiveness of our 'voice as heralds of Christ in this world where only quality performers can survive. We should always question ourselves - "what do people say that I am? Or, how do I like to be spoken about after my death?" The beautiful songs of life sung by Bros. Thomas Tolentino, Claude & Selvaraj will definitely be framed as top hits in the favourite Albums of men and women who lived and worked with them. Let their lives continue to inspire us to do what we do!

### **1. First Profession:**

We have the good news of one new Profession at Sitagarha. Novice Kalaimalar Prabu will be taking his First Vows on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2012. We congratulate and welcome Kalaimalar to our family. Bro. George Padikara will represent the Province at the First Profession ceremony and receive the vows.

### **2. Internal Audit Report:**

The Provincial Council spent quality time in discussing the internal audit reports of all our communities and institutions with its positive and negative elements of financial transactions and accounting procedures. The reports will soon reach the communities with the corrective measures to be effected. Kindly read and discuss this report during the community dialogues/meetings. My sincere appreciation to Bro. George Padikara, the convener of Finance commission, Bro. Biju, the Province Bursar & Mr. Charles Fernando, the Auditor.

### **3. Annual Budgets:**

Nearly 60% of the budgets for the financial year 2013, have been received from various communities. I appreciate them for the same. Soon these budgets will be taken up for study and analysis. I request other communities to submit the budgets immediately. Budgets must be respected and followed up seriously throughout the year. It is not an exercise in futility.

#### **4. Internal Inspection Report:**

The Internal Inspection Report of all our Institutions by external resource persons were studied by the Provincial Council. It was heartening to note many positive practices and strength of our educational Institutions. I appreciate all the Heads, the Brothers & members of Staff for maintaining high standards in our institutions. According to the reports, our infrastructure and facilities are good but it also contains many areas which needs our urgent and immediate attention. While we are doing very well in sports, games and extracurricular activities, we need to focus more on academics. The reports are a mixed bag and hence we will collect together the important observations and forward the same to the concerned Institutions. Next year, we shall modify the procedures as per our requirements so that we will get specific and more objective reports from the evaluators. My sincere appreciation to Bro. Varghese K.J, the convener of the Education Commission and to the other members of the Commission.

#### **5. Re – organization of the communities:**

The Provincial council will finalize the list of the communities for the next academic year after my return from the General Chapter during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of May 2012.

#### **6. Jubilees:**

The Diamond, Golden & Silver Jubilees of our Brothers as already announced will be held during the third week of May at Anakkara, Kerala. The details will follow.

#### **7. Vocation Promotion:**

All the Provincial Chapters reminded our Brothers to become effective, individual vocation promoters and recruiters. But we don't see any positive action from individual Brothers. In addition to praying for vocations, kindly also follow it by action. I am very happy that our renewed effort at 'SPD' for fresh local vocations are showing positive signs with 5 Juniors at Ba, 3 Candidates at Suva & another 2 at Savusavu. My appreciation to the SPD, Administration and Bro. Sahayaraj.

### **8. Letter from the Superior General:**

The Superior General's letter for special prayers for the success of the 31<sup>st</sup> General Chapter has been already forwarded to you. Once again I am sending specially printed cards with prayers for the General Chapter for all the Brothers of our Province. Kindly make use of them during your daily prayers. Let this important event usher in a 'new life and a positive change in our congregation so that we may move forward with renewed enthusiasm in the foot steps of St. Montfort, as Authentic Leaders to create a new world order of love, service and Brotherhood.

### **9. Provincial in-charge:**

As already informed, I will leave for General Chapter on 23<sup>rd</sup> March & will return on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2012. Bro. George Padikara, the first councilor of the Province will be the Provincial in-charge during the above mentioned period. Kindly keep in touch and contact him for your urgent needs.

### **10. Recommended for your prayers:**

Please pray for the speedy recovery of Mrs. Anice, niece of Bro Thomas Elimattathil Luckose, who is seriously ill.

### **11.Obituary:**

- i) Mr. Thommachan Muthuplackal, 88, uncle of Bro. George Vazhayil passed away on 24.2.12
- ii) Mrs. Jebamalai, Grand mother of Bro. Prabu passed away on 04.03.2012.
- iii) Mrs. Elyamma, 84, aunt of Bro. M P Antony, passed away on 17.03.2012

Our prayerful condolences to these Brothers and their families. May the souls of the departed rest in peace.

***“May our Lenten observances and the passion of Christ lead us to the Joy of His Resurrection”***

Fraternally in Christ,

Bro. George Kalangod  
Provincial Superior